**EXHIBIT 18**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED, )

Plaintiff, )

vs. )No. 99cv2668 H (AJB)

VYSIS, INC., )

Defendant. )

The confidential deposition of DONALD NEIL HALBERT, Ph.D., called as a witness for examination, taken pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure of the United States District Courts pertaining to the taking of depositions, taken before ANDREA L. CARTER, a Notary Public within and for the County of Cook, State of Illinois, and a Certified Shorthand Reporter of said state, CSR No. 84-3722, at 100 Abbott Park Road, Abbott, Illinois, on the 19th day of April, A.D. 2001, at 10:17 a.m.

Q. At least as to the four -- the Examples 4 through 7, is there any information or reference with respect to those examples that you would characterize to suggest specific amplification?

A. To suggest specific amplification?

Q. Yes.

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Of any of the examples, not just limited to Examples 4 through 7, but for any of the examples 1 through 7, is there any -- any information associated with those four examples in the '338 patent that you recognize to be the result of any experimental work that you conducted while at either Gene-Trak or Amoco?

A. That I recognize as being the result of my own experimental work?

Q. Yes, sir.

A. I don't have clear enough recollection of that.

Q. And my question was that limited, but let me expand it a little bit.

Do you recognize anything about Examples 1 through 7 that you recognize to be the result of experimental work that you supervised while you